



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DECLARATION OF LIESELOTTE MICHEL

APPLICANTS: Hetzer et al CONFIRMATION NO.: 6272
SERIAL NO.: 09/911,811 GROUP ART UNIT: 2853
FILED: July 24, 2001
TITLE: "ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD FOR DATA FOLLOW-UP
WARMUP CYCLES OF INK JET PRINT HEADS"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

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I, LIESELOTTE MICHEL, declare and state as follows:

1. I am a patent prosecution administrator for worldwide patent prosecution matters for Francotyp-Postalia AG & Co. KG.
2. The invention disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application was invented by employees of Francotyp-Postalia AG & Co. KG and its United States subsidiary.
3. All of the named inventors except Mr. George Gelfer had signed the Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced application.
4. I and others at Francotyp-Postalia AG & Co. KG have made numerous attempts to contact Mr. Gelfer and to request that he sign the Declaration and Power of Attorney, however, these attempts have been unsuccessful in obtaining Mr. Gelfer's signature. The last attempt was a letter sent by me on August 19, 2002, wherein I enclosed a copy of the application, including the specification, claims and drawings, together with the aforementioned Declaration and Power of Attorney. This letter included a statement that if it was not returned by September 16, 2002, Francotyp-Postalia AG & Co. KG will interpret such non-return as a refusal on the part of Mr.

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Gelfer to sign the Declaration and Power of Attorney. A copy of that letter is attached hereto as Attachment "A".

5. As of today's date, no response whatsoever has been received from Mr. Gelfer to the August 19, 2002 letter, and more specifically Mr. Gelfer has not returned the Declaration and Power of Attorney with his signature.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or Imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issued thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

DATE: 1 Z SEP. 2002


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